

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
RICHMOND DIVISION**

In re:

Benny Ray Nash,

Debtor.

Case No. 16-35075-KLP

Chapter 7 Proceeding

APPLICATION OF THE TRUSTEE TO EMPLOY PROFESSIONAL PERSON

Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327, Bruce E. Robinson, Chapter 7 Trustee (“Trustee”) for the Bankruptcy Estate of Benny Ray Nash (the “Debtor”), requests approval of employment of a professional person, and respectfully represents:

1. On or about October 14, 2016, the Debtor filed a voluntary petition under Chapter 7 of Title 11 of the United States Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond Division.

2. On or about October 15, 2016, the Court appointed Bruce E. Robinson as Interim Trustee. Bruce E. Robinson continues to serve as the Trustee for the Bankruptcy Estate of the Debtor.

3. Under § 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and subject to the Court’s approval, the Trustee is empowered to employ counsel and other professionals to assist him in carrying out his duties as Trustee.

4. The Trustee applies to the Court to employ Spotts Fain PC to provide legal assistance and advice concerning, but not limited to, the value and disposition of property owned or formerly owned by the Debtor and other matters relating to the administration of the Estate

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and the collection of Estate assets.

5. The Trustee recommends that this application be granted. Compensation for said service is to be determined pursuant to the terms set forth in the Engagement Letter attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 330(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

6. To the best of the Trustee's knowledge and belief, Spotts Fain PC does not have any connections with the Debtor, creditors, or any other party in interest to this case or their respective attorneys or accountants, as set forth in the accompanying Affidavit of Jennifer J. West. Spotts Fain PC is a disinterested party.

7. Due to the experience and expertise of its attorneys in bankruptcy litigation, the Trustee seeks to employ the law firm of Spotts Fain PC.

8. It is in the best interest of the administration of the Bankruptcy Estate to retain Spotts Fain PC.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327, Bruce E. Robinson, Chapter 7 Trustee for the Bankruptcy Estate of Benny Ray Nash moves the Court for the entry of an Order authorizing the Trustee to employ Spotts Fain PC to provide legal assistance to the Estate and that he have such other and further relief as the interest of justice may merit.

BRUCE E. ROBINSON, Chapter 7 Trustee for the
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/s/Bruce E. Robinson

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 5th day of December, 2016 a true copy of the foregoing Application of the Trustee to Employ Professional Person was sent by first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, and/or by electronic notification to the following, constituting all necessary parties:

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